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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated July 5, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following comments on the Examiner's reasons for allowance:

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The Examiner is thanked for the allowance of the present application. Accompanying the Notice of Allowance, however, were stated reasons for allowance, which the Applicant wishes to clarify. Specifically, on page 2, the Examiner states that the invention recites a method and continues by reciting the limitations of Claim 1. Accordingly, such limitations, at least in form, are not recited by Claims 17 and 21. Further, on page 2, the Examiner states that "[t]he features identified, in combination with other claim limitations, are neither suggested nor discussed by the prior art" (emphasis added). The Examiner does not identify or otherwise indicate what the Examiner considers to be the "other claim limitations," especially with respect Claim 1 where, clearly, there are no "other claim limitations" of Claim 1 beyond those recited by the Examiner or recited by Claim 1 itself. Accordingly, Applicant is unsure as to the meaning or purpose of such statement. Applicant respectfully submits that the present record adequately demonstrates the manner in which the present claims, in their present form, patentably distinguish over the art of record, and Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are allowable for reasons in addition to those provided by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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